

General Mills, Inc.

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Ms. Karen Vendl  
Water Quality Division  
U.S. EPA, Region V  
270 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Vendl:

General Mills, Inc. (GMI) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) entered into a Response Order By Consent (CO) dated October 23, 1984. Under this Order General Mills, Inc. agreed to implement a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for certain laboratory solvents that may have been disposed of in a soil absorption pit located at 2010 East Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It is my understanding that with copies of a letter dated October 25, 1984, copies of the CO and RAP were sent to both Larry Kyte and you at the U.S. EPA Region V office by Bruce S. Davis of the MPCA.

At the insistence of the MPCA staff, the U.S. EPA was not included as a party to the CO. The reason MPCA gave us for such insistence was their contention that U.S. EPA review and prior approval of the CO would unduly delay remedial action concerning the site.

Moreover, the MPCA staff assured us that the CO and RAP would likely satisfy the requirements of the U.S. EPA for remedial action concerning the site. Accordingly, unless we hear from you to the contrary, we assume that the CO and RAP do in fact satisfy the requirements of the U.S. EPA for remedial action concerning the site.

Sincerely yours,

GENERAL MILLS, INC.

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